

**Operation:**

Flomatic check valves are designed to give years of trouble free operation without maintenance when properly installed and in a properly selected pumping application (with counter clockwise pump rotation when looking down on the pump discharge connection - for clockwise rotation use Model 80 VFD) with regards to flow and maximum system pressures.



**Construction:**

The Flomatic check valve body has been constructed to handle the rated system flow and pressures as stated and in addition support the weight of the submersible pump, pipe and the water in the riser pipe. In addition the valves have been uniquely designed to absorb some of the hydraulic water shocks associated with well water pumping when the check valve installation instruction are followed below.

**IMPORTANT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

It is very important to install a check valve properly to help insure a trouble free water system. **If the installation instructions are not followed warranty or any warranty claims may be void.** On the back of this page is a diagram of a typical submersible valve installation (Fig. 1). *For the CL valves please refer to Certa-Loks™ Installation instructions.*

- **Pipe Flow Velocities:** High Flow - When selecting a submersible check valve insure that the valve is sized properly to normal flow conditions typically less than 10 feet per second; if greater select a size larger valve. Higher flow velocities will increase friction losses, hydraulic shocks and the possibility of destructive water hammer (explained below in more detail) leading to severe system failure. – Low flow below 3 feet per second or VFD controlled pumps; install our Model 80VFD Check Valve which is specially designed for this use. **Do not use the Model 80DI above 2" in low flow conditions, use Model 80VFD.** Smaller check valves below 2" can be used in low flow conditions (including the use with VFD controlled pumps).  
**NOTE:** In some cases it is possible to use a size smaller valve to reduce noise under low flow conditions.
- **System pressure:** It is important to take the total system hydraulics into the calculation and not only the pump's well setting when selecting valve type and model. In general Flomatic valves are pressure rated 400 psi or 920 feet of water pressure. This does not mean that a valve can be set at a well depth of 920 feet. To elevate and reduce the hydraulic shocks in the riser pipe it is recommended that a check valve be installed every 200 feet in the riser pipe. *See Recommend Check Valve Installation chart below.*
- **Prior to installing check valve:** Make sure that the check valve is free from defects and that the valve's spring-loaded poppet mechanism is operating freely. **Remove any foreign material (ie. Pipe dope, PTF tape) from valve seat. Do not apply pipe dope to the female threads on the check valve, only apply on the male end of the pipe.**
- Install check valve vertically with arrow pointed up in direction of liquid flow.
- Also, a check valve shall be installed no more than 25 feet above the lowest pumping level in the well.

Submersible pump setting in well	Recommended Check Valve Installation:	Type Check Valve
200 feet or less	One check valve on pump discharge and one on surface of well.	Series 80E, 80SS, 80S6, 80DI , 80MDI, 80DIX, 100E, 100MP, 100SS
200 feet to 600 feet	One check valve on pump discharge and additional check valves installed at maximum 200ft intervals and one at the surface of well.	Series 80E, 80SS, 80S6, 80DI , 80MDI, 80DIX, 100E, 100MP, 100SS
600 feet to 800 feet <i>For deeper settings contact factory</i>	One check valve on pump discharge and additional check valves installed at maximum 200ft intervals and one at the surface of well.	Series 80SS, 80S6, 80DI , 80MDI, 80DIX, 100E, 100SS

**Note: All Models 80DI, SS, S6, E in 2 ½" size and larger and 12" DIX are designed for vertical installation ONLY**  
All Model 80 & 100 in sizes below 2 ½' and also Model 80DIX in 3" thru 10"  
and all Model VFD size valves may be used vertically or horizontally.



**Water Hammer**

Water pumped and flowing through a piping system has a certain amount of energy (weight x velocity). If the pumping is stopped, the water continues to move and its remaining energy must be absorbed in some way. This absorption of energy can sometimes create undesirable noise and/or damage. This is called water hammer.

Water hammer can destroy piping systems, valves and related equipment. Water hammer varies in intensity depending on the velocity with which the water is traveling when the pump shuts down. It is very important for the installer to realize water hammer potential, and he must take this into consideration when sizing the system and deciding what material the valves should be made from.

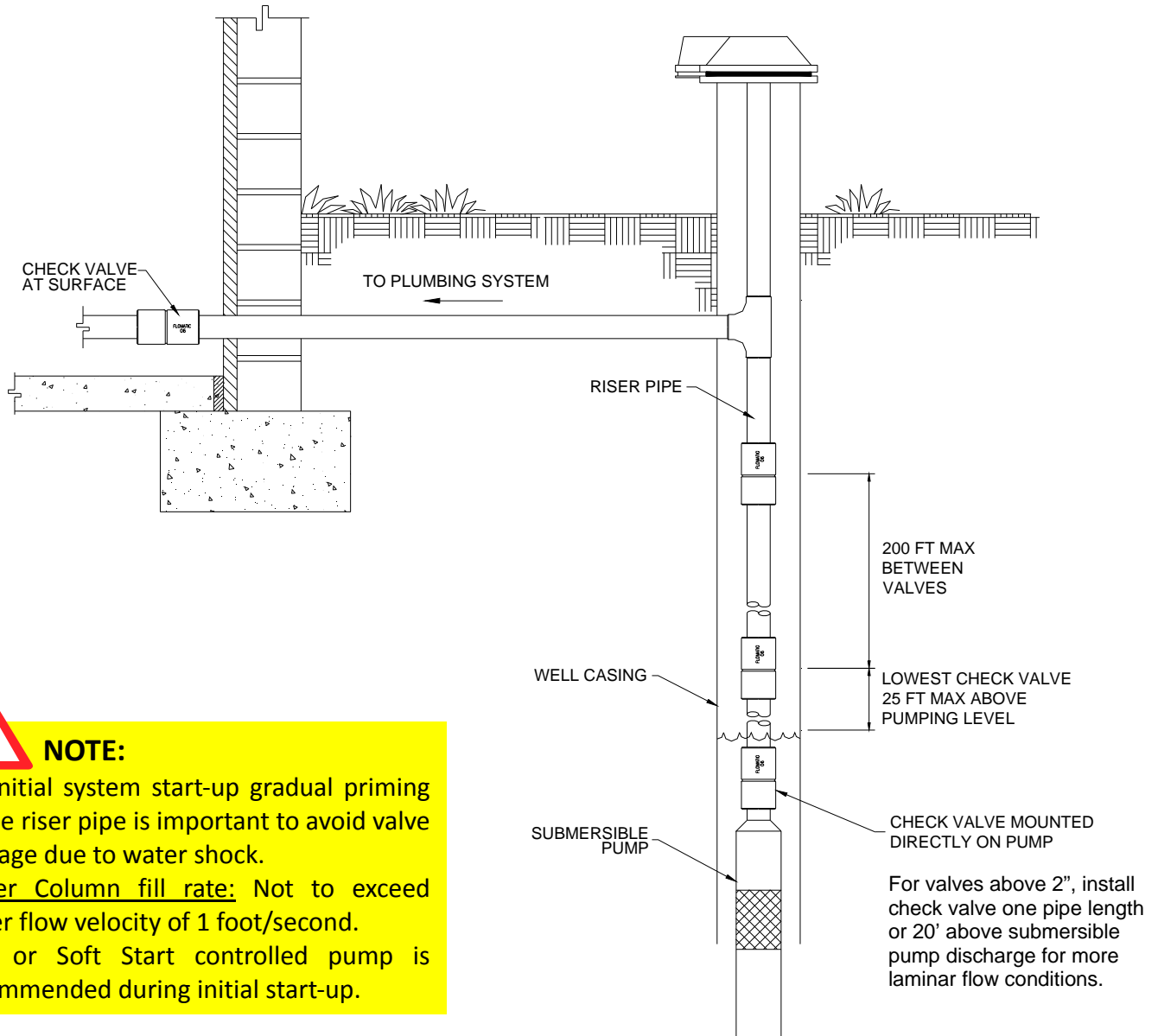
It has been proven that for every foot per second of velocity 54 psi of backpressure is created above the system pressure. This means, in a 1" pipe, a flow of only 10 gpm could create a back pressure of 370 psi or more when the pump shuts down and the water column reverses. In a 4" pipe, a flow of 350 gpm could create a backpressure of 860 psi. This does not take in consideration the weight of the water column in the well. Flomatic valves are designed to help lessen the sometimes-damaging effects of water hammer on piping and related equipment.

**IMPORTANT CHECK VALVE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**NOTE:**



- Check Pump rotation (Counter clockwise looking down on pump discharge outlet for clockwise rotation use Model 80 VFD).
- On initial system start-up gradual priming of vertical water column (not to exceed 1 foot per second flow velocity) is important to avoid valve damage due to water shock.



**NOTE:**  
 On initial system start-up gradual priming of the riser pipe is important to avoid valve damage due to water shock.  
Water Column fill rate: Not to exceed water flow velocity of 1 foot/second.  
 VFD or Soft Start controlled pump is recommended during initial start-up.

(Fig. 1)

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**Limited One Year Warranty:** Flomatic valves are guaranteed against defects of material or workmanship when used for the services recommended. If, in any recommended service a defect develops due to material or workmanship, and the device is returned, freight prepaid, to Flomatic Corporation within 12 months from date of purchase, it will be repaired or replaced free of charge. Flomatic Corporations' liability shall be limited to our agreement to repair or replacement of valve only. Flomatic Corporation is not liable for any consequential damage